

Senate Resolution 615

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Reed of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Miles of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., and expressing regret at his passing; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of famed attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., is received with
4 deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 67 years rendered his name dear
6 to the hearts of his family and many fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Cochran, the grandson of a Louisiana sharecropper, was internationally
8 recognized as an outstanding trial lawyer, civil libertarian, and philanthropist and considered
9 one of the leading authorities on criminal justice in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, his numerous honors included being named by the National Law Journal as one
11 of the ten most successful litigators in 1992, inducted into the American College of Trial
12 Lawyers in 1993, designated by *Time* magazine as a "Headliner for 1995," the recipient of
13 the prestigious "Trumpet Award" from Turner Broadcasting in 1996, and elected to
14 membership in the exclusive Inner Circle of Advocates (the top 100 plaintiff's lawyers in the
15 United States) in 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow citizens, in his death we
17 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 honor the memory of Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., and express their regret at his passing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.